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Aloha, I am Haunani Apoliona, daughter of Anne Meta Grote Apoliona, Eugene Apoliona, mo'opuna of Elizabeth Loo, Samuel Apoliona, Annie Lujan Grote, Sylvester Scott, John Grote. I'm Native Hawaiian and I seek re-election to OHA's Board for a third term as Trustee-At-Large. I've served nearly 30 years in my community, earning my Masters Degree in Social Work in 1976 from the University of Hawai'i, working 1978-1997 with ALU LIKE, Inc., 1991-1997 as ALU LIKE's president/chief executive officer. Upon taking my oath as OHA Trustee on January 10, 1997, I resigned as president/CEO of Alu Like.

From 1996-2004, reforming, improving and stabilizing the OHA board and the operations of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to better serve Native Hawaiians has been my objective, especially in these last four years as the BOT chairperson. Collectively, a majority of Trustees work daily to improve our efforts in asset resource management, beneficiary advocacy and empowerment.

2004-2008 envisions for Native Hawaiians advancing Hawaiian self-determination and creation of a Hawaiian nation, pioneered and led by Native Hawaiians, both in Hawai'i and away from our shores, who will chart the map for transition of Native Hawaiian assets OHA manages to a stable and ably-led Hawaiian nation. OHA Trustees are vital partners and catalysts. Trustees must work with community, state and federal governments to enable this. OHA will work with the state to reconcile past due and unpaid revenue payments due to Native Hawaiians for the use of ceded lands.

